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## Opinion

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Kurt Cobain wrongly deified in death

| From MTV's "Week In Rock" to CNN, the reportscovering thedeath of Nirvana'sleadsinger ranged from bizarre to just plain stupid. CNN MTV's Kurt Loder cried during the Nirvana tribute and then practically choked on his tears as he informed a nation of Nirvana fans not to turn around and do what Cobaindid. He then advised them to listen to the four Nirvana records during the weekend because "they're all pretty good." Nice eulogy, Mr. Loder. <br> This Generation $X$ thing was lame enough before we were forced to swallow the pathetic drug abuser as our leader in our "slacker" lives. Thank Douglas Coupland for labeling an entire generation of people as hopeless and unproductive members of society and then look to Kurt Cobain as some sort of cynical god that may or may not have been able to lead us out of the fabricated despair that Coupland sums up for us in Generation X. He never wanted the fame, or so he claims. Obviously he never knew what came along with the limelight. So, instead of dealing with it, heputsa shotgun tohishead and pulls the trigger. |
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I've read or heard on the news that hasn't glorified Cobain was this one stowy by Gundersen.
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suicide attempt, was covered over as an accident. suicide attempt, was covered over as an accident.
Cobain abruptly checked out of an L.A. area rehab
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close to a week. His family and friends knew about close toa week. His family yand friends knew about And yet despite all of this, his fans still made him
their anti-hero. their anti-hero.
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Kurt Cobain was that person with the right
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describesas $G$ Generation $X$. Weare not Kurt Cobain.
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upon us is a Christ-like grunge figurehead that everyone expects ust to follow into our worthless
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anyoneisgrief. Cobain isnota god. All that's tragic anyone isgrief. Cobain isnotagod. All that's tragic
in this story is that peoplesometimessee thisasthe only way out.

By Brian Hall
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itself.


By Barbara Irwin
Future teachers face some irony, many rewards


## Letters to the Editor

## To the Editor:

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April Fool's) issue was the most hysterical copy Ive read in a while. I Ican' determine what made me cry plane, the top story on the tris mansion and buech coded a parking deck. And the cow in
ihat was a screamer.
I am glad to see the return of The Clearly Labeled Satire Page, even if it's's just for one issue.
 Thursday. After its debut, someone wrote a letter to beled. Hence, the following week gave birth to The Clearly Labeled Satire Page. During our satirical
reign, we wrote tons of outrageous stuff-including

To the Editor
In response to Rizz Khoshnan's letter to the
editor on April 7h. Please don't feel sorry for us
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of campus news.
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may find resistance trom nother than the Media Board, the Satire Page would reeceive we welcomed
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hey're not doing well in history, english, foreign languages, or psychology then why would they
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